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TRA Testimony,

Public Hearing Committee on Transportation

House Joint Resolution No. 62 Resolution Proposing A Constitutional Amendment To Require Certain Moneys To Be Deposited In The Special Transportation Fund And To Limit The Use Of Moneys In Said Fund.

Raised Bill No. 937 An Act Requiring All Moneys Directed To The Special Transportation Fund To Be Deposited In Said Fund, And All Expenditures From Said Fund To Be For Transportation Purposes.

And all other proposals on this Agenda providing for protection of transportation funding.

Unfortunately I'm not able to attend the public hearing of the Committee on Transportation. Please accept our written comments below.

The Stamford Chamber of Commerce, with over 1,700 members is very much in support of the two bills referenced above.

Over the past number of years, the Stamford Chamber of Commerce has supported various bill and pieces of legislation that have provided and raised revenue to address the present and future needs of the State's transportation infrastructure. Unfortunately, we have been disappointed on several occasions once we learned that these funds have been diverted to the general fund and use to cover the cost of non-transportation related items. As a result of many years of this practice, Connecticut is facing the challenges of an aging and inadequate transportation infrastructure and it is impacting the state's ability to recover from this recession and to grow it economy. This will negatively impact the citizens' quality of life in Connecticut.

It is imperative that the transportation revenues well be used for transportation investments and not reverted to the general fund. This is a very important issue that sets the course for the implementation of Governor Malloy's Transportation Vision that

will put Connecticut back on its feet and allows us to compete with other states for economic growth.

Thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to submit this testimony.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John P. Condlin". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "P".

John P. Condlin
President and CEO